



## I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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***We exist to ignite  
a passion in every  
person to glorify and  
enjoy God everywhere  
and in everything.***



### **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 9:00am & 10:30am**

**"God Does Not Drive Us  
Along with Whips  
and Terrors  
(He Uses Kindness, btw)"  
Hosea 11:3-8**

[https://youtube.com/live/3ZK7ub\\_duNs](https://youtube.com/live/3ZK7ub_duNs)

Pastor Benji

### **When God Makes You Wait 600 Years**

*"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Jeremiah 31:31-34*

It took 600 years for Jesus to fulfill this promise. Read that again. 600 years! If you haven't figured it out yet, God's not in a hurry. And, if you haven't figured it out yet, waiting is one of, if not, *the* hardest thing to do as a disciple. You do a lot of waiting when you follow Jesus.

Mark Vroegop says-

*"...waiting Biblically is seeing seasons of delay as opportunities to hope in God...Waiting is the spiritual posture of endurance...waiting on God is how we respond to difficult delays...To wait on God is to believe that he will help you...Waiting on God is living on what I know to be true of God when I don't know what's true about my life...Waiting chooses to focus on what I know about the Lord instead of panicking in uncertainty. Reframe your internal question from, 'What's missing?' to 'What's true about God?'...Patience is formed by letting go of what I thought was going to be true about my life."*

May the Spirit help us to trust while we wait.

- Pastor Benji



**Communion Sunday**

# Run with us!

Church Running Club  
Saturday, April 12 9:30am

OPEN TO ALL FITNESS LEVELS AND AGES  
EASY 1.5 MILE RUN  
MEET AT THE FOSTER ROAD BIKE PATH  
AT THE END OF FOXENWOOD LN



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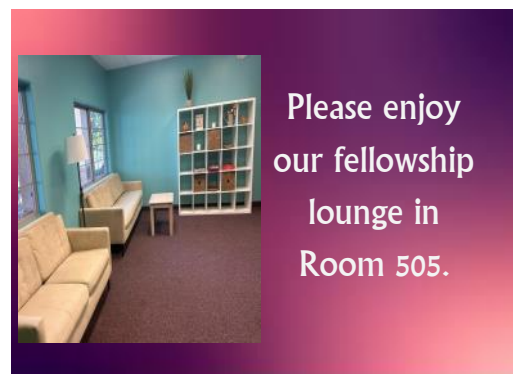
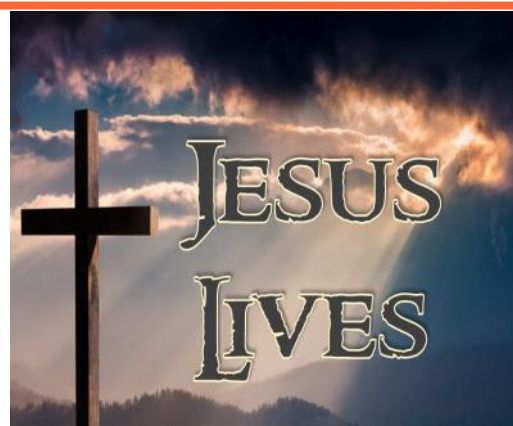
## Grace Youth Ministries

### Upcoming events:

Wildwood - June 15-21

Navajo - July 18-26/27

Kickback - Aug 29 - Sep 1



## Announcements



### Back Lot BBQ Friday, April 4th @ 6pm

- Calling all MEN (and sons)!
- Great time for fellowship and food.
- BBQ pit fired up and ready to "cook your own" BBQ.
- Bring your own meat and fixens, gather around the pit and enjoy a men's night out.

You can also bring one log to throw in the pit.

### MISSIONARY VISIT TO GRACE

Please come join us *next* Sunday April 13th at 10:30am in Grace Hall to meet and hear from our Global Worker **Kelley McCutchen** as she visits with us and shares about her work with The Navigators ministries.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT INFO!

Ladies who are registered for our retreat, stop by the Welcome Center and pick up an important information letter. Please make your *final payment* for retreat by April 13th. Thank you!

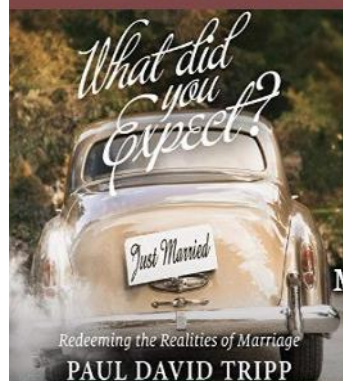
### CHURCH LIBRARY

Easter is fast approaching and your church library is prepared for it. We have displayed most of our *Easter related items* on a table and the windows for you. Drop in and check out as much as you desire. Thank you.

### WORSHIP WITH YOUR OFFERINGS

If you would like to worship with your offerings, please mail them, drop them off at the church office, Use Elexio Giving at [www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/gracesantamaria](http://www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/gracesantamaria) or use the church app. "Churches by MinistryOne" (search for Grace Baptist, Santa Maria) Thank you.

MARRIAGE CLASS  
THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM  
10 WEEKS STARTING MARCH 27



RELATIONSHIP  
BUILDING FOR  
COUPLES IN ALL STAGES  
OF MARRIAGE  
MEET IN THE ED BUILDING

Meet in Grace Hall

Marriage Class  
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